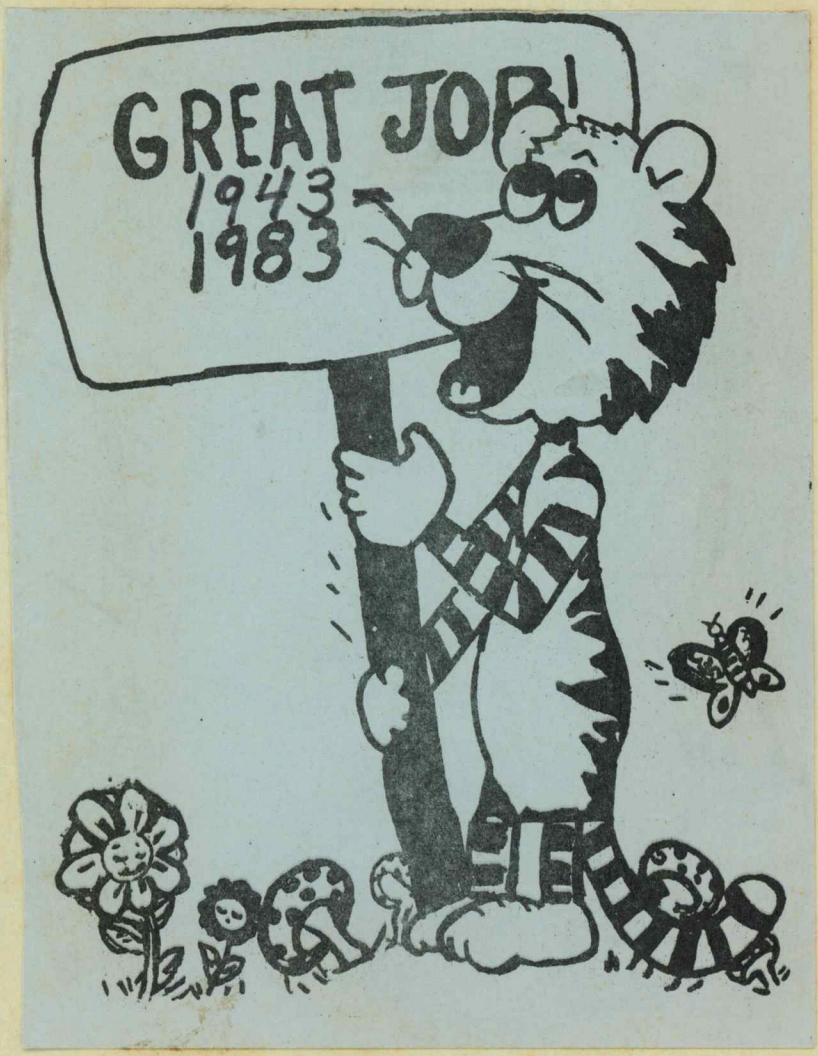

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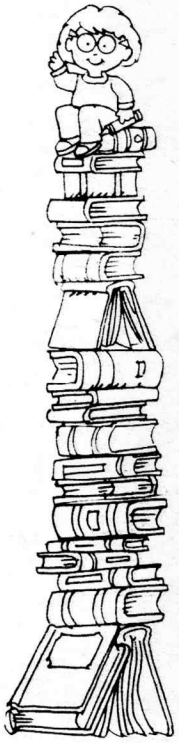
CLASS OF '43 REMEMBERS....

This is the Class of 1943, one which has been destined to distribute itself well across the U. S. and Europe in fields of nursing, agriculture, sales, governmental positions, teaching, the arts, engineering, in the world of skilled labor and business, and the ever-important job of home-making.

The members of this class also discovered suddenly somewhere in the years following 1943, that teachers and administrators were wonderful, warm human beings who ate the same food, breathed the same air, and walked the same earthly ground with its problems as they--and whose tolerance, patience, and influence during those formative years could not be passed off lightly.



A 1943 Grad recalls:

> Rationing as a time when people traded stamps for sugar, gas, coffee, etc., as opposed to those who later bought sugar, gas, etc., in order to get stamps to paste in books.

That today's antique car was once the family sedan, and dad controlled the ignition keys. Walking and physical fitness was the in thing then, too, strictly from necessity.

And, though no driver's training program was offered, farm-grown lads such as Bernie McBride, Bill Westfahl, and Gene Mroczkoski received a course in what might be described as 'on the job' training.

They remember working diligently for 12¢ to 25¢ per hour, and holding on to more than they do now.

They recall hearing about the "lover's lane" west of town that has given way to progress now, and to drive-in theaters, which have replaced this area of togetherness.....

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Also, with nostalgia, they think of Peffley's and Chapple's Sweet Shops in their hey-days, and the juke boxes with such popular hits as "Tangarine", "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition", and "I'll Be Seeing You". Here they enjoyed the lime fizzes, brown cows, frosted root beers, and double decker ice creams after a game or Frank's theater.

They think often of the old school with its tricky stairway and Bessie Baker's room at the top of the stairs, and the scary fire escape tube which we are thankful no one was ever forced to use. That old alma mater has long since been torn down, and it's replacement presently boarded up.

They fondly recall sliding parties and hay-rides. And most especially, the snipe-hunt planned by Bernie, Ken Welty, Ken Pratt, and Dick Jager at the Rod and Gun Club, which had no teacher chaperone, because no teacher was stupid enough to take a bag and go along. The old stamping grounds at the Rod and Gun is now the elite back-yard of a housing complex, and our Edwards Hill, the scene of much fun in the snow, is a gravel pit.

One can almost hear Miss Smith's typing classes as they practised to the beat of "Oh, Johnny" and "Elmer's Tune". Although she kept steady with progress, rock and roll never caught on in her sessions. Under her expert instruction, Ruth Perry was chief and art director of the Tooter. Carol Ellinger did her 'Moronic Mutterings' column, Bea and Ethelyn dug up the 'dirt' for the gossip, Ken Pratt was Sports Editor and typing and reporting was a good contingent of 1943-ites such as Vi Arbanas, Dot Mlynarchek, Jean Merren, Mary Ann Cutler, Eileen Schwartz and Blanche Kaminski. Such a wonderful background, and not a newspaper pro= fessional in the bunch! We miss you, dear Julia Smith.....

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With some misgivings, the experiment of a class switch between the shop boys and the girls' home ec for six weeks comes to mind, under the stabilizing influence of Miss Stanton and Mr. Archer. That novel idea is now a common thing in the classroom, and in the homes, as both sexes practise the 'do it yourself' trend.....in a co-op manner.

Mrs. Baker's prediction that one day the city of Grand Rapids and the city of Wayland would meet has almost come true. The expressway has brought them within 15 minutes of each other, with towns growing painlessly in between.

Our heroes, movie stars, and singers have been pretty much replaced, or are character actors, or simply dropped out of sight. Too bad...so many of our idols today have feet of clay....or perhaps we do not place our faith in the proper perspective.

We recall going through school knowing no other President than Franklin Delano Roosevelt.....

People in 1943 were also constantly complaining about taxes and cost of living, with comparably small reason. Mostly, however, they were concerned with defense work and women being recruited to take over jobs men left to go into the armed forces, and with getting these men home safely and soon. This mass exodus from the kitchen, some insist, was the beginning of ERA and women's lib. How you gonna keep 'em home on the range, after they've seen the do-re-me?

To us the term 'launching pad' was what we catapulted out of about 8:30 each morning just in time to get dressed and blast off to school by 9:00 A. M.

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The Class of 1943 thrived in spite of: Depression - World War II - Biology classes, and the fact they were not for those with a weak constitution - weak-kneed, breathless trips to Mr. Steeby's office - and speechless trips to the front in Mr. Bennett's Speech classes - Exams - anxieties -broken hearts - and the fear of receiving a blank diploma.

They grew to adulthood and managed to get through school without..... T V - Miracle Drugs and Salk vaccine - nylons - jets and blast-offs and astronauts who reached the moon -- A senior prom - Tranquillizers, - Rock Bands and dance crazes - frozen foods and instant everything - McDonald's - the free-way from Kalamazoo to G. R., - the Mackinac Bridge - and the common sense to realize that these were the best and the most carefree years of our lives.

The Class of 1943 has produced two wonderful inter-class marriages, which have lasted.... Helen Haywood became Mrs. Kenneth Welty and Helen Crofoot, Mrs. Athol Hazen. We have contributed upwards of 800 new citizens to the United States through children and grandchildren and consider this still an unfinished project.

We shall always maintain a warm spot in our hearts for Wayland High School, classmates, Mr. Steeby, Mrs. Baker, and each member of the faculty during our high school regime.

This is the Class of 1943... and although much of what kept us going in the forties and fifties has passed away, been torn down, boarded up, or simply become passe, don't count us out! We're still learning, still adjusting, and still reaching for goals.....

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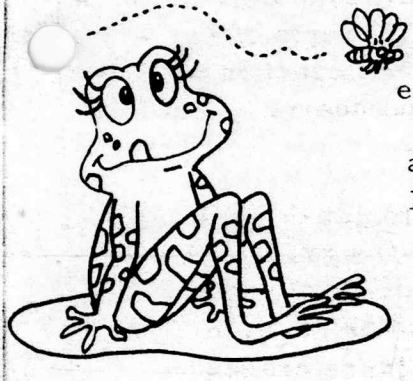
CLASS HISTORY
1939-40



In September, 1939, 54 students enrolled in the freshman class. Beatrice Rairigh was elected president and Kenneth Pratt, Vice President; Lyle Truax as secretary. Our student council members were: Paul Taplin, Bob Woodward, and Helen Haywood. Mrs. Baker acted as advisor. Our class got off to a good start by discussing rules for all school parties in the future. We had a wiener roast at the Rod & Gun Club. On November6, we went down to the football field to have our pictures taken. We put on the freshman assembly on December 22, the program starting with the freshman chorus. There was more music, then a play, "Who Gets the Car Tonight?" Ken Pratt, Bea Rairigh, Helen Haywood, Paul Taplin, and Dick Chapple took part in the play.

Christmas vacation lasted from December 23 to January 8. Then we returned to school to plan a roller skating party at the Silver Star in Kalamazoo. In January we also had a sliding party at Edward's Hill. During the year, we read and discussed the book, "Manners for Moderns." The term ended with an all-school picnic at Baseline Lake.

During the year, six of our classmates left us. They were Esther Gruscynski, Florence Wisnaski, Donald Hendrixson, Walter and Gilbert Kreiser, and Hubert Schumacher. Earl Cassidy and Irene Polmanteer entered our class during the term.

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History (cont.)

1940-41 - Sophomores

In September, 1940, the gay young sophomores returned to the classroom, with Mr. Wesley as class advisor. We now had 49 members in the class. Vi Arbanas was elected president, and Blanche Christensen secretary and treasurer. The student council members were Ethelyn Mauchmar, Bill Westfahl, and Blanche Kaminski. During the monthsof September and October we selected our pins and practised for our assembly. On November 5, our assembly was held. We put on a play, "His First Girl." Bea Rairigh, Paul Taplin, Helen Crofoot, Ken Welty, and Blanche Kaminski took part. There was also music and singing.

After Christmas vacation, we attended our meeting with the sole purpose in mind to have a party. It took a long time to decide when and where the party should be held, but we finally made a decision. We sponsored the party on April 28. We danced and played games. It was a great success. Our sophomore year closed with an all school picnic at Saugatuck.

Throughout our sophomore year we lost only three students, Earl Cassidy, Don Baughman, and Irene Polmanteer.

1941-42 - Juniors

In September, 1941, the Junior Class met for the first time in the new building. Fifty-one were present at the first meeting. They met in Room 204 with Mr. Bennett for their class advisor. Officers elected were: Ken Pratt, president; Lois Fleser, vice-president; Bea Rairigh, secretary and treasurer. Paul Taplin, Pauline Ellis and Helen Haywood were student council representatives. Added to the teaching staff in the new building were Mr. Prescott, agricultural instructor, and Mrs. Shea, replacing Miss McConnell in the English department.

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At the beginning of the second semester, two teachers were lost by the school. Mr. Wesley was replaced by Mr. VanderKolk, and Mr. Wagner took a position with the government and was temporarily replaced by Mr. Archer.

During the year, we lost four students: Grover Blair, Vernon Jansen, Gerald Martin, and Evaline Wagonmaker. The first thrill we had was the important job of choosing class rings from Terryberry Co. in October.

The class put on a very successful weiner roast at Murphy's Point, Gun Lake. An assembly was presented in which the football queens and their managers were featured, with Lois Fleser as Junior nominee.

With Mr. Bennett's help, a successful Penny Carnival was held in the gym. Under the able direction of Mr. Bennett, and a lot of hard work and long practice, the Juniors presented "Funny Phinny", their contribution to dramatics for the year. Members of the cast were Earl McIntyre, Paul Taplin, Richard Jager, Ken Welty, Bea Rairigh, Doris Calkins, Fern Jordan, Carol Ellinger, and Audrey Sager.

The final event of the year for the Juniors was the annual Junior-Senior banquet. After the banquet, the Juniors, with the compliments of the Seniors, saw "Kings Row", at the Regent Theater in Grand Rapids.

Class History - Seniors

In September, 1942, the Senior Class met for the first time in their last year of schooling. They met in Room 201 with Mr. Steeby as Class Advisor. Officers elected were Ken Pratt, President; Ruth Perry, vice-president; Blanche Kaminski, secretary-Treasurer. Student Council representatives were Bea Rairigh, Carol Ellinger, and Ray DeVries.

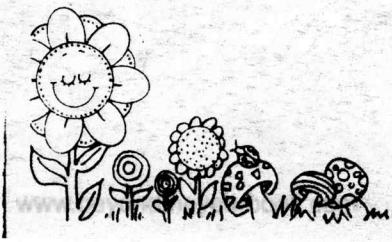
This year, three new teachers were welcomed to the staff. They were Miss Elizabeth Kiefer, English and Latin instructor; Miss Elizabeth Bush, Music, and Mr. Walter Gillett, Coach and Social Science instructor. In November, Mr. William Aho took over the agricultural department from Mr. Prescott, who left for the army. Replacing Mr. Aho in January, our third Ag teacher for the year was Mr. Winslow.

During the year, we added no members to our class, and lost Duke Mills to Grand Rapids.

Throughout the year, the Seniors held a hayride party at the Rod and Gun Club, a party of games in the Home Ec room, a bicycle party ending at the Rod and Gun Club, and a bowling party at Otsego.

The Senior Play was entitled "Brother Goose", which was put on with Mr. Bennett's fine directing ability and hard practice. Taking part in this production were Richard Jager, Doris Calkins, Ken Welty, Ethelyn Mauchmar, Fern Jordan, Blance Kaminski, Jean Merren, Violet Arbanas, Bea Rairigh, Ken Pratt, and Carol Ellinger.

Our Skip Day was a two-day trip to Chicago by lake steamer. That annual event, the Junior and Senior Banquet took place May 19. After a very fine dinner by the Juniors, the Seniors took them to Kalamazoo to "The Edge of Darkness", at the State Theater.



Mr. Steeby presented diplomas to 45 members of the Class of '43 on June 3, 1943. Scholarship awards were presented to Ruth Perry and Beatrice Rairigh, co-valedictorians. Blanche Kaminski was class salutatorian. Carol Ellinger received the award for outstanding musical ability. Kenneth Welty was presented with the athletic award and Kenneth Pratt the coveted Citizenship Key.

The class motto was "Today We Follow --- Tomorrow We Lead."

We've travelled far...
Each in his way.
We've tried to do our part;

We've lots more time
To work and play
Because
We are Young
At Heart

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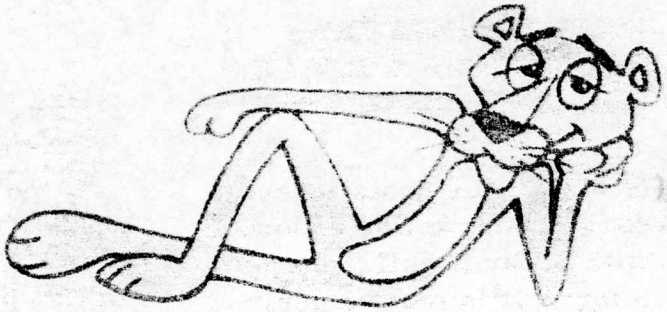

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Violet Arbanas
Bernice Barlow
Doris Calkins
Dick Chapple
Blanche Christensen
Virgil Clay
Helen Crofoot
Mary Ann Cutler
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Carol Ellinger
Pauline Ellis
Lois Fleser
Crayton Frary
Bill Gibson
Athol Hazen
Helen Haywood
Beatrice Hendrixon
Richard Jager
Fern Jordan
Blanche Kaminski
Ethelyn Mauchmar
Bernard McBride
Earl McIntyre
Jean Merren
Dorothy Mlynarchek
Eugene Mroczkowski
Avis Oatman
Delores Pawloski
Ruth Perry
Betty Modreske
Kenneth Pratt
Beatrice Rairigh
Audrey Sager
Bill Schuh
Kenneth Schultetus
Eileen Schwartz
Lyle Truax
Wanda Truax
Harvey Tuttle
Lucille Unrue
Kenneth Welty
Bill Westfahl
Bob Woodward

Kittens who transferred, or changed habitats.....

Vernon Jansen
Gerald J. Martin
Jack Jones
Grover Blair
Lola Jean Lewis
Virginia Carpenter
Duke Mills
Paul Taplin
Earl Cassady
Don Baughman
Irene Polmanteer
Florence Wisnaski
Donald Hendrixson
Walter Kreiser
Gilbert Kreiser
Hubert Schumacher
Esther Gruscynski

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WHAT DO THEY DO-- WHERE CAN THEY BE-- THIS CLASS OF 1943?

(Note: In our Senior issue, each graduate was endowed with a Thumbnail Sketch, a few words most closely capturing the person's personality or outlook. It will appear again here, along with a brief current history. Those who did not send any info on family or occupation will by needs be extra brief.)

KENNETH PRATT - "Those who in quarrels interpose; must often wipe a bloody nose."

Ken lives near Kalamazoo with his wife, Evelyn, at 1203 Parchmount, Parchment, Mi. 49004. He is the Manager of Budd's Jewelry Store at one of the larger Kalamazoo malls.

(Ed. note: Ken was not known to instigate fights, but he was also not one to run from them! He was a leader both on and off the athletic field).

BILL GIBSON - "Thy flying chariot fled through the field of air."

Bill resides at 4274 Ravine Road, Kalamazoo Mi. 49007. It is appropos that Bill still be involved with some type of 'wheels.' He has his own business there in Kalamazoo, though hardly the type to encourage his 'chariots' to fly very high. He deals with heavy equipment, very successfully it seems.

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Where they are (cont.)

BERNICE BARLOW (MULLER) - "Even a single hair casts it's shadow." Our lady with the lovely golden red hair is now Bernice Muller. She lives at 3310 N. Park, Tucson, Ariz. 85719. Has been married thirty years and has eight children.

Bernice is also actively involved in several worthwhile causes including: worker at a crisis nursery for ten years, which is set up to prevent child abuse; associated with Tucson Friends of the Farmworkers for twelve years (this organization assists farmworkers in their struggle to gain better working conditions); is active in a protest movement against U.S. involvement in Central America. Bernice seems to have cast much more than a shadow on life, both in her home and in making this a better world. She's really walking in the sunshine!

LYLE TRUAX - "I am as sober as a judge." Lyle lives at 5905 Kalamazoo Ave., S.E. Grand Rapids, Mi. 49508. He is married to the former Barbara Conlon of Moline, since 1949. They have a son, Randy, aged 24. Lyle is retired. He and Barbara accomplished in 1951 a task which leaves most of us in awe and envy. They built their own lovely home together, where they still reside. They have also enjoyed toy collecting together. Togetherness can be most satisfying!

BETTY MODRESKE (HORNICK) - "To be good is my religion." Betty is a widow of ten years. She is a factory worker. Betty has raised three sons, ages 32, 30, and 20; and also has three grand-daughters aged 13, 8, and 4 years, plus a grandson, 12. Good work, Betty! Address: 2724 Kentwood, S. W., Grandville, Mi 49418

AVIS OETMAN (JONES) - "Small of stature, but great of athletic ability." Avis lives at 215 Prospect Ave., Ashland, Mass., 01721. She is married and has two sons. Avis works for Timex, formerly G. E. She sends her best wishes to everyone and can't believe it has been 40 years already! They are leaving for a Hawaiian vacation on June 19. Lucky classmate!

CRAYTON FRARY - "Preserve me from unseasonable and immoderate sleep." Address: 715 Pasadena Drive, Lexington, Kentucky 40503. Crayton and his wife, Marion, have six children, Kathy, Karen, Mike, Pat, Chris, Kim. He is a Geologist. This is something that tests that ability to stay alert and on the job for long hours! Crayton also tells us that when he joined the Navy in 1944, he found his birth certificate indicated he was a "Clayton" instead of Crayton. So, to settle the whole thing, for the past 30 years, he has been 'Irv.'--a shortened version of his middle name. A Crayton by any other name is still the same, we hope....

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CAROL ELLINGER (FULTON) -

"Music is well said to be the speech of angels." Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fulton live at 3726 Barrington Dr., Kalamazoo, Mi. 49007. They have three children, and three grandchildren, which includes a set of twins.

She is still "speaking in the voice of angels" as she teaches Music to about 600 children in grades K-3 at Kalamazoo Public Schools. Carol was one of the first two Bachelor of Music degrees ever given at Western Michigan University. This was in 1948. Her husband, a professor of music at Western, retired this January. Carol plans to retire next January, and they will move to Colorado, where they have land and are building a home. Carol often sees former teachers Elizabeth Bush and former Alma Weeldryer, who both live in Kalamazoo.

ADELINE AMBORSKI (STEFFES) -

Residence: 1638 Belden, S. W., Wyoming, Mi., 49509. "No neater, sweeter maid in a cleaner, greener land."
Adeline married her high school sweetheart, Clarence Steffes. They have a son 25 yearsold.
(Note: Adeline is to this day a neat, sweet, tiny maid, who happens to have a very green thumb, and a love of life.)

AUDREY SAGER (WATSON) - "Though she be little, she be fierce." Audrey lives at 631 Drury Lane, Portage, Mi. 49081. She is Mrs. John Watson.

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ATHOL HAZEN - "Facts and Figures! Put them down!" HELEN CROFOOT - "Well-timed silence hath more eloquence than words." Address: 9890 22-Mi Road, Marshall, Mi. 49068. They have four children: Leslie, Mary, Richard, and Lois, and five grandchildren. Athol is Office Manager at Wayne Chevrolet at Homer. Helen is Charge Nurse at Marshall Manor in Marshall. Athol served in World War II and In the Korean War.

Mr. and Mrs. Hazen

Athol and Helen are both active members of the Grange, having served as local, county and State officers. Athol has been on the School Board, was Township Supervisor, and also assessor. They are most involved in the Michigan Audubon Society. Helen helped to establish two sanctuaries in Calhoun County. (Note: What busy, constructive, and caring lives these two share.)

BERNIE MC BRIDE - "To plow and sow, and reap and mow; and be a Farmer's boy." Lives at 358 135th Ave., Wayland, Mi 49348. Bernie may be a gentleman farmer, but he is now Betty's 'boy.' He and the former Betty Walker have been married many years and have three children, Judy, in Tucson, Ariz., (not too far from Bernice Barlow Muller), Mike, and Dennis in Wayland. He is a bulldozer operator and travels a great deal. In the summer, as a change of pace, Bernie and Betty get close to nature and golf as often as possible.

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VIRGIL CLAY - "A rhapsody of words." Rt. 1, Wayland, Mi. 49348. Virgil is married, has two sons, a grandchild, with another due this summer. He has retired from farming, but is still working for Bradford-White in Middleville. (Note: even though Virgil's words do not seem to come as profusely as they used to, we happen to have learned he and his wife do a remarkable amount of travelling. Hawaii, for instance, is quite commonplace now....)

EILEEN SCHWARTZ (WALKER) -" The ornament of her sex." Address: 3121 19th St., Hopkins, Mi. 49328. Eileen and Bob have three children, one girl and two boys, and seven grandchildren. Bob is retired and Eileen is a full-time homemaker. She is also a sister-in-law to Bernie McBride, Betty and Bob being brother and sister. (Note: Eileen is one who has remained faithful in keeping up on the escapades of our class over the years, and has helped in locating several of you.)

WANDA TRUAX (SHAFER) - "It is only a question of loving them enough." Apparently Wanda loved Don Shafer enough to spend the better portion of our forty years since graduation with him at: 307 Plum St., Wayland, Mi 49348. They have five children and six grandchildren. The youngest of the five is now attending Wayland High School. Wanda is married to the Mayor of Wayland. Does that make her the mayoress or the mayorette?

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BLANCHE KAMINSKI (YOUNG) - "Can one desire too much of a good thing?" Blanche is married to Ray Young and lives at 2307 126th St., Hopkins, Mi. 49328.

Blanche and Ray have raised a family of seven, two boys and five girls. It is understood that Blanche has now returned to her studies to complete her dream of becoming a nurse. (Note: on a tragic note, Blanche and Ray's daughter, Sharon, was killed in an accident in New Jersey on June 2 of this year. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out of this family).

RICHARD JAGER - Dick died suddenly of a heart attack about three years ago. He had been with Post Office at Wayland for many years, and his passing was a great shock and loss to the community and numerous friends. His wife, Barb, and children and grandchildren still live in this area.

HELEN HAYWOOD (WELTY) - "Her face is like the Milky Way." KENNETH WELTY - "I am a lover and have not found my thing to love." Ken found his "thing to love" in the lady with the lovely face over three decades ago. They lived in Wayland for a time, then moved to a farm near Pierson. Ken continued to commute to Grand Rapids and worked in the trucking business. Their huge home in Pierson knew the patter of several sets of little feet.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Welty
Rt. 1, Pierson, Mi. 49339

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LOIS FLESER MAUCHMAR - "A fair exterior is a silent recommendation." Lois and Ford Mauchmar live just North of Wayland on old 131. They own a Body Repair Shop. They have a daughter and twin sons, also a grandson.

HARVEY TUTTLE - "He seems so near and yet so far." 2990 16th St., Hopkins, Mi. 49323. Harvey is still as near as Hopkins, and lives on a farm there. He is single.

KENNETH SCHULTETUS - "Such friendly frankness is rare." Ken lost his life in an airplane crash either during World War II or shortly afterward, another great asset lost to the world.

RAY DE VRIES -"To insure Peace of Mind, ignore the rules and regulations." Ray lives in Southbury, Conn. 06488. Whatever Ray's system for success was, it seemed to have worked well for him. He works for Systems, Inc., out of Connecticutt and travels widely in his job, so widely it was most difficult to track down a permanent address for him.

MARY ANN CUTLER (GAMBLE)- "Never change when love has found its home." Mary Ann lives near Gun Lake at 12845 Park Dr., Rt. 3, Wayland, Mi 49348. Mary Ann has been very successful in the restaurant business.

EARL MC INTYRE - "I could manage this matter to a "T". Earl can be remembered as a friend to everyone who could be depended upon to handle anything. He died about six months ago in Howard City, Michigan.

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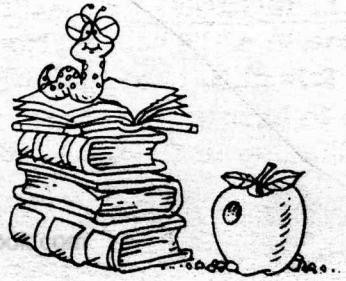
FERN JORDAN (KIRTS) - "Silence is deep as Eternity." Address: 1817 Cerrillos Rd., Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501. Fern's address was secured, after several leads, through many helpful persons, and finally a very pleasant and cooperative sister who lives in Grand Rapids. Doesn't New Mexico seem like an Eternity from Wayland?

BEATRICE HENDRIXSON (STANDISH) - "Born with a gift of laughter." Lives at 129 Walnut, Wayland, Mi. 49348. Bea has two children, a boy and a girl, and two step-daughters. Her husband, Ron, died recently of a heart attack. She had given many years of service to the Wayland School system, where the kids will recall her gift of laughter and all the delicious treats she turned out of her kitchen.

WILLIAM SCHUH - "Let the world slide; we shall ne'er be younger." Bill maintains his youthful ways and appearance; he and his wife live at 637 S. Main St., Wayland, near the family homestead. They have a daughter and grandchildren.

LUCILLE UNRUE (DE VRIES) - Lucille's thumbnail sketch, "I want to be alone," only applied because she was quiet and and deep-thinking. She was a friend to many. Lucille died over twenty years ago. She had a son and daughter, who later graduated from Wayland High School.



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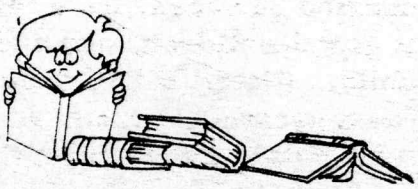
DELORES PAWLOSKI (MAJURKIEWICZ) - "I know a girl with teeth of pearl." Delores lives at 1747 Griggs, S. E., Grand Rapids, Mi. 49506. We understand that Delores is a teacher; hope she is still smiling...

ROBERT WOODWARD - "What a delightful thing is a turnpike road." Bob lives at 1702 Chateau Dr., S. W., Grand Rapids, Mi. 49509. He married high school sweetie Marg Afman, and they have two daughters. (Note: Don't know if Bob is still partial to turnpike roads, but he really burns up the lanes (or alleys) in the bowling establishments. See him often having a sandwich after his, and our, bowling leagues are over on Friday nites.)

DORIS CALKINS (GAULKE) - "Individuality is the salt of common life." Doris and husband, Ed, have retired and live on the farm on E. 135th St., in Wayland. They have two sons, three daughters, and several grandchildren.

ETHELYN MAUCHMAR (MC BRIDE) - "Ever fair and never proud." Ethelyn and Bernath (The Hopkins Bernie!) live in Plainwell, Mi., 49080, at 660 Benhoy Ave. They have two daughters, Melanie and Janet, and a grand-daughter, Jodi. Bernie has retired from Counselling in the Plainwell School System and Ethelyn is an educational secretary, now also retired from Plainwell schools. (Note: Amazing how realistic and lasting some of these thumbnail sketches turned out to be!)



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VERNON JANSEN - "Time and Tide wait for no one, except me." Address: 2336 Darrow Dr., Ann Arbor, Mi 49104. Vern has two children, Luke and Mira. He is a Mechanical Engineer. (Note: After Vern decided that 'time and tide' had something very good in store for him, he accepted the challenge and engineered his life toward a most worthwhile goal.)

EUGENE MROCZKOWSKI - "I've taken my fun where I've found it." Gene's address is 11572 64th Terrace, Seminole, Florida. Gene seems to have fun and perfection in the suns of Florida with his wife, Marion. The are owners of Mobile Home Park. They have two married sons, Mark and Scott. Gene is also Parts Manufacturing Planner at G. E. Another ultra busy graduate.

WILLIAM WESTFAHL - "I do then with my friends as I do with my books. I would have them where I can find them, but I seldom use them." Whatever that sketch insinuated, Bill would seem to have developed a co-operative and healthy relationship with both books and friends. He is successful as a farmer and good neighbor. Is married to Janet, has two children, three grandchildren, four step-children and three step-grandchildren. There should be happy sounds coming from that farm house .....

JEAN MERREN (KOTRBA) - "I boil at different degrees." Jean and husband, Gene, live at 2129 Archwood Dr., (Gun Lake), Rt. 3, Wayland, Mi. 49348. They have been married 38 years, have three children, eight grand-children, and one great grand-grandchild. (Note: It is difficult to picture our Jeanie as a great grandmother. The Merren girls all seem to have drunk daily from the fountain of youth.)

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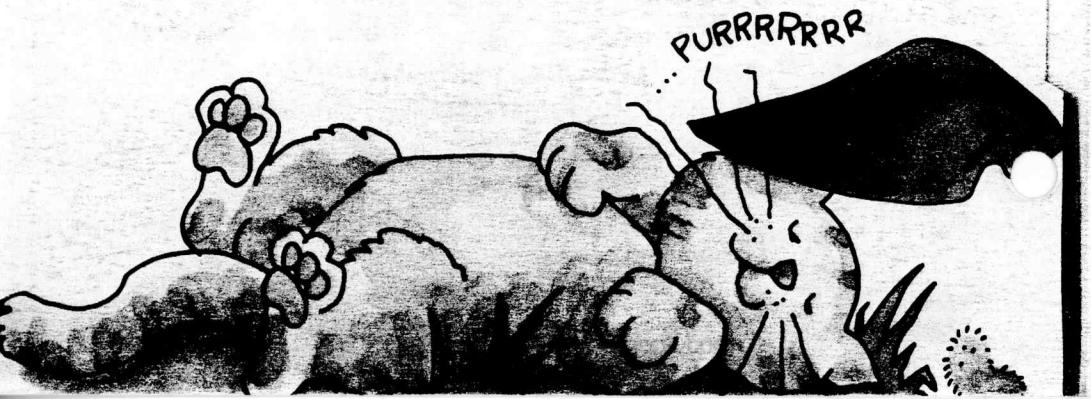
RUTH PERRY - "The busy bee has not time for sorrow." Residence: 4151 S. Saxony, S. E., Grand Rapids, Mi. 49508. Ruth is a Social Worker for the Kent County Department of Social Services. She is a Specialist in adoption of older, handicapped and minority children, which must give her a real feeling of achievement following the frustration and momentous decision. Still being the 'busy bee', she spends vacations travelling, particularly to Mexico and Florida. And...also enjoys golf, theater, needlework, scrabble, and (true to her heritage), attending art shows. As with the rest of us, she feels she should not be wearing forty years already!

DICK CHAPPLE - "The endearing elegance of female friendship." Address: 34184 County Line Road, Yucaipa, Calif. 92399. Dick is married to the former Mary Rockwell of Allegan. They have five children, Bruce of Grand Rapids, Sandra of California, Sharon in Hopkins, Mi., Susan in Illinois, and Samuel, 11, at home. He is a retired Airforce officer, now managing a Mobile Home Park. Dick returned to Wayland for several years after retiring from service and served as Maintenance Engineer for the City. His mother and sisters are still Wayland-ites. They always seem a bit closer to us if the family ties are still here.



BLANCHE CHRISTENSEN (VREELAND) - "Beautiful eyes; wholesome stars of love." Blanche and husband, Ralph, reside at 7311 Eastlane, Jenison, Mi. 49429. They have two children, Sharon, 27, and Mike, 25. Blanche, or 'Chris', as she is known, spent some time at Michigan Bell and Lear, Inc. She met Ralph at Michigan Bell, and he is still employed there, but hopes to retire in the near future. Chris's 'stars of love' are lighting up the G. E. plant at Holland, where she has been employed for a good many years. They are working on a spacious retirement home at Pentwater, Ralph doing most of his own creating.

PAULINE ELLIS BOUCK - "Little friend of all the world." Pauline and Bob live at 320 102nd Ave., Plainwell, Mi. 49080. Pauline or "Pat", has been married to Bob for 37 years. He is retired from the Air Force, and they have spent most of their married on the go, living out of State. They have a son, Stephen, who is married, and also in the Air Force. She lists themselves as 'semi-retired' now. He is still on the go, and she goes along. It seems travelling is in the Bouck blood.....

DOROTHY MLYNARCHEK (TOLAN) -"The course of true love never runs smooth." Dorothy lives in Wayland at 3524 Garden, and has three children, Richard, Larry and Patricia.

VIOLET ARBANAS (LE MAIRE) - "Certain flowers are pleasing to the eye." Violet is also a 'displaced Michigan blossom' who now lives in California. Her address is: 130-A W. Washington Blvd., Santa Ana, Calif. 92706. Vi has an adopted daughter, Peggy, 25, and a son, Steven, who is 23; three grandchildren, including two girls and a boy. She lived many years in Phoenix, Arizona, where she had her own business as a landscape broker, and also owned a successful restaurant in Hollywood, before becoming secretary to the Vice President of American State Bank in Santa Ana, a position she now holds. She very much enjoys this new vocation and well-known actors do business at her bank. (Maybe she can get us some autographs, preferably on some checks!) What a varied and exciting life our Vi has experienced.

MAXINE DAVIDSON (HOOKER) - "I'll speak in a monstrous little voice." Address: 595 140th, Wayland, Mi. 49348 Maxine is married to Ken Hooker, a Wayland graduate, and is on a farm near Green Lake. Ken and Maxine have a daughter and a grand-daughter. She has worked for 15 years at Pine Rest Hospital in Cutlerville, as a Staff Developer. She handles a very hectic and exacting job, and her monstrous little voice gets it point across whenever necessary.

LOLA JEAN LEWIS (SAGER) - 1265 Brentwood Drive, Reno, Nevada 89502. Lois and Jack have lived in Reno for 24 years, he working at a dairy and planning a retirement, and Lola in electronics. John's (Jack) parents, formerly Lester and Dorothy Sager of Wayland, also live in Reno. They have a daughter, Connie, who lives in Constantine, Mi., and three grandchildren. They are also great grandparents to a two-year girl. They visited Michigan in April.

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GERALD MARTIN - Lives at 2057 Paris, N. E., Grand Rapids, Mi. 49507. Gerald is married and has four children and eight grand-children. He is a mechanic at North Park Garage, which is owned by his son.

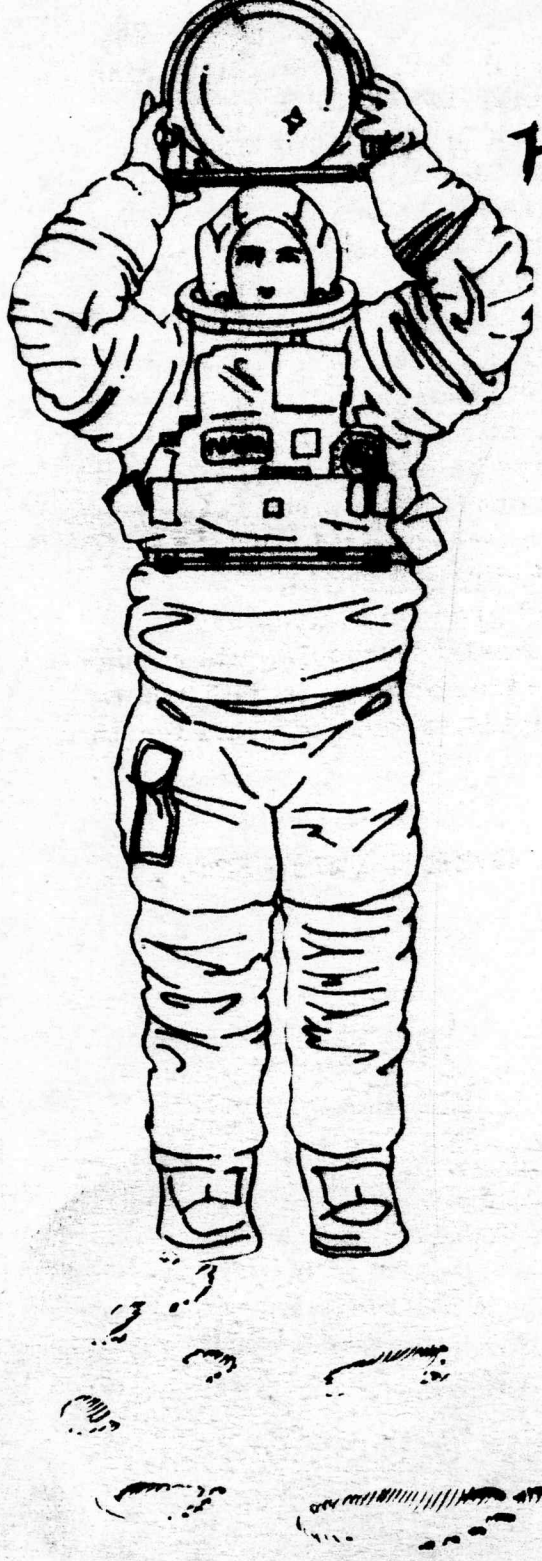
GILBERT KREISER - 278 Vindale, S. E., Grand Rapids, Mi. Gilbert is married. He has retired from Fisher Body there in G. R.

WALTER KREISER - Walt died several years ago.

DUKE MILLS - Address: 2107 Garrett Dr., N. E., Grand Rapids, Mi. After leaving Wayland in his Junior year, Duke finished high school at Godwin School. He works at General Motors, builds airplanes as a hobby, and belongs to E. A. A. (Experimental Airplane Association). He has three children (two girls and a boy), and two grand-daughters. (Note: We had tentatively associated Duke with Mill's Hot Air Balloons near Lowell. At least, it was partly right....his interests and creations are air-borne.)

FLORENCE WISNASKI - 204 Elm, Wayland, Mi Florence married Ray Kamyszek thirty five years ago. They have five children and twelve grandchildren.

VIRGINIA CARPENTER - Lives at 283 W. 28th St., Holland, Mi. 49423. Virginia and Dean Gumser were married in the early 1940's and had four children. One of these children lost his life in an auto accident. They have several grandchildren. Dean, also a former WHS student, is now retired from General Motors.



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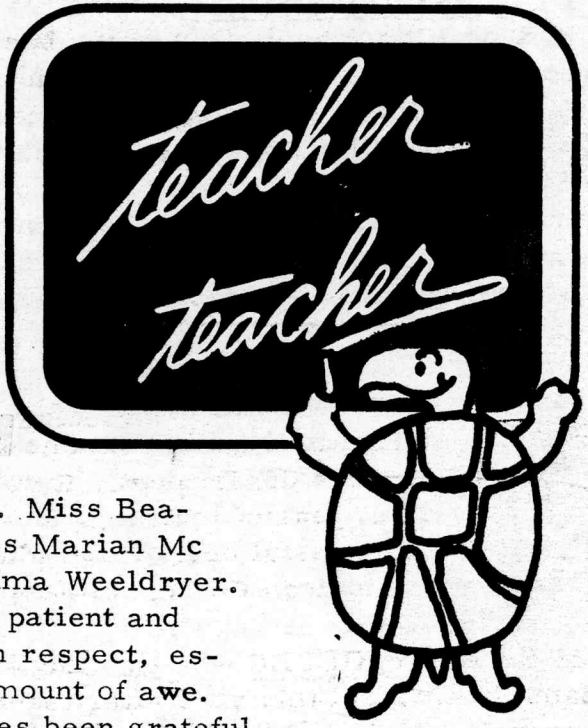
GROVER BLAIR - Address: 960 36th St., Wyoming Mi. 49509. Grover is married to Ruby. They have five children, of which four are now married; and seven grandchildren. He has been a welder at McInerney Spring and Wire for 36 years. Before moving to Wyoming twenty three hears ago, they lived on a farm East of Hopkins.

BEATRICE RAIRIGH (SMITH) - "The dictate of common sense." Address: 135 E. Cherry, Wayland, Mi. 49348. Jay and Bea have almost always belonged to Wayland, except for time out for military service and a few years in Grand Rapids. They have two children, Kathy and David, and an active 15-month old grandson, Ryan. Bea is office manager at Wayland Schools, where she has been for twenty two years, and Jay is with Montgomery Ward in Grand Rapids, about the same length of time.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE. . . .



From 1939 to June, 1943, a number of teachers came and left Wayland High School. Possibly their constitutions were not strong enough to serve the full time with us. Recalled are Mr. LaRue Wesley, Mr. Gordon Ross, Mr. Charles Wegner, Mr. Rex Allen, Miss Amy Jean Holmblade. Miss Beatrice Ackerman, Miss Marian Mc Connell, and Miss Alma Weeldryer. We think back on our patient and tireless mentors with respect, esteem and a certain amount of awe. We have at many times been grateful for bits of profound wisdom they have bestowed upon us, and for the code of ethics which has directed our lives over forty years.

By the time 1943 came around, thirteen hardy souls were there to launch us. Following are the brief sketches on them as printed in the senior issue, and compiled by Violet Arbanas:

MR. GLENN ARCHER - Shop instructor, for the past year and a half, devoted his time teaching Shop I, II, and III, besides attending to his profession of Funeral Directing. He also taught the Home Ec III girls a six week course in Woodworking. (Note: Wonder if any of those girls have built anything really big in their lives, beginning from the little 'splinter' of knowledge back in '43!)

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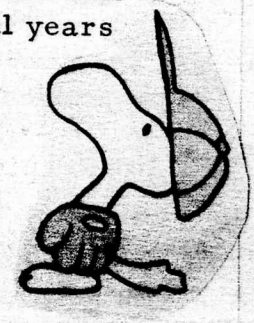
Teacher! Teacher! (Cont.)

MRS. BESSIE B. BAKER, Principal of Wayland High School since 1926, has had a varied teaching career. Since coming to Wayland she has taught Civics, American Government, Homemaking, Geometry, Algebra, and many other subjects. (Remember the 'Art of Living' class she taught? What a gift she had to offer us there, had we only the foresight to accept it and use it in the graceful manner it was offered!)

A new teacher, Mr. Walter Gillett, was added to the staff, and headed the Social Science department. It was Mr. Gillett's first year of teaching, and proved to be a successful one. He graduated from Western Michigan College of Education.

MISS BETTY KIEFER - a new English teacher, came to Wayland this year after teaching at several schools in Michigan. Her home town was Weiser, Idaho, but she came to Wayland from Jackson, Mi., and received her degree from Olivet College. She teaches ninth and tenth grade English, and Latin.

MR. HORACE BENNETT, has headed the English and Speech classes in WHS for three years. He has directed both Junior and Senior plays which have been most successful. (Note: Mr. Bennett has been very faithful to the alumni of Wayland High, and has come from Battle Creek for several years to renew acquaintances).



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MR. RUDOLPH STEEBY - Superintendent of Wayland Schools, was a very busy person this year attending to all the business matters of the new school. (Our big old building with the tube fire escape was a thing of the past at this writing!). Although this is the second year Mr. Steeby has been head of the new school, he has been superintendent since 1931. He came to Wayland as a teacher of Science in 1925. (Wonder how many of our prosperous farmers in the area got their start in Mr. Steeby's agricultural classes!)

MISS ELIZABETH BUSH of Galesburg, Mi., came to Wayland this year from Grand Ledge. She is a graduate of Western Michigan College of Education in Kalamazoo. (Miss Bush went on to teach in the Kalamazoo systems and retired only about six years ago). Miss Bush has charge of both boys and girls glee clubs and is also director of the school orchestra.

MR. RICHARD VANDER KOLK came to Wayland after Mr. Wesley left Wayland to teach in Grosse Point in April a year and a half ago. Mr. Vander Kolk has been teaching all science courses, and is sophomore class advisor.

MISS MARGARET STANTON again is head of the Homemaking Department. Miss Stanton is also the Assistant Supervising Teacher of Michigan State College. We have a good many student teachers who have come to WHS under the supervision of Miss Stanton, and most have obtained positions already, under her placement.

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MISS JULIA L. SMITH - Miss Smith has been the Commercial teacher for the past six and one-half years. When she first came to Wayland eight years ago, she taught science. After Mr. E. Casler left, in the middle of the year, she took over his duties. (And aren't many of us fortunate that she was there making our little minds and fingers move as quickly and accurately as possible! This is the third year since Miss Smith's death, but the heritage she has left to the world continues on ... and remembers).

MR. JACK PRESCOTT came to Wayland in the fall of 1941, where he headed the agricultural department. Immediately after the school year started this year, he received his papers for induction into the army. He left in November, and is now stationed in Camp Adair, Oregon. Mr. Aho replaced him temporarily, followed by Mr. Lloyd Winslow, who came here from the Kellogg's company in Battle Creek. (The last address we had for Mr. Prescott was in Mt. Clemens, Mi.)

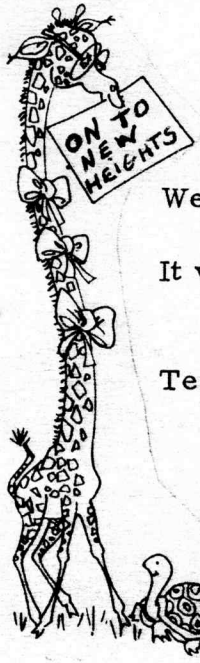
CLASS POEM - 1943

Through four long years we've worked and played;
Got in on all we could.
We've learned a lot of different things
Some grand; some not so good!

We've chewed our gum; we've written notes--
Shot paper wads galore.
Sometimes a teacher's sharp command
Would show us to the door!

The so-called duller side of school
Left its mark on us, too;
And often facts from textbooks
Would gradually seep through.

We've found some lasting friendships;
We've weathered hard first love.
And after writing tough exams,
Sent prayers to Him above.



We're proud of our athletic teams;
Were for them, win or lose---
With books, and friends and just plain fun,
Came happiness and blues.

We may not have been perfect--
But then, "Who is?" says we.
It would be boring, to say the least
To never disagree.

Teachers, Schoolmates--Thank you!
Though the future holds no key,
These past four years have been our best,
Signed----------

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